

Cheyney, PA –This morning, Congressman Joe Sestak (D-PA) presented \$1.25 million check to Cheyney University of Pennsylvania for improvements to the infrastructure of its Science and Technology building and to implement the University's Curriculum and Infrastructure Enhancement in its STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Curriculum) Project.. — The appropriation will help to improve infrastructure and capacity of Cheyney's Science and Technology building in order to better prepare underrepresented minorities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) disciplines. Cheyney University's current facility was constructed in 1967 and has not been updated since. The funding will provide an environment that is conducive to the study of STEM disciplines, and increase the number of underrepresented minorities in the program.

"I believe STEM education is critical for our 21st century economy, and am honored to help Cheyney University obtain these critical funds," said Congressman Sestak. "Improvements to the Science and Technology building will directly impact students and faculty at Cheyney by enhancing the research and teaching capacity at the school."

Cheyney University is the oldest Historically Black College or University in the country.

Born and raised in Delaware County, former 3-star Admiral Joe Sestak served in the Navy for 31 years and now serves as the Representative from the 7th District of Pennsylvania. He led a series of operational commands at sea, including Commander of an aircraft carrier battle group of 30 U.S. and allied ships with over 15,000 sailors and 100 aircraft that conducted operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. After 9/11, Joe was the first Director of "Deep Blue," the Navy's anti-terrorism unit that established strategic and operations policies for the "Global War on Terrorism." He served as President Clinton's Director for Defense Policy at the National Security Council in the White House, and holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. According to the office of the House Historian, Joe is the highest-ranking former military officer ever elected to the Congress.